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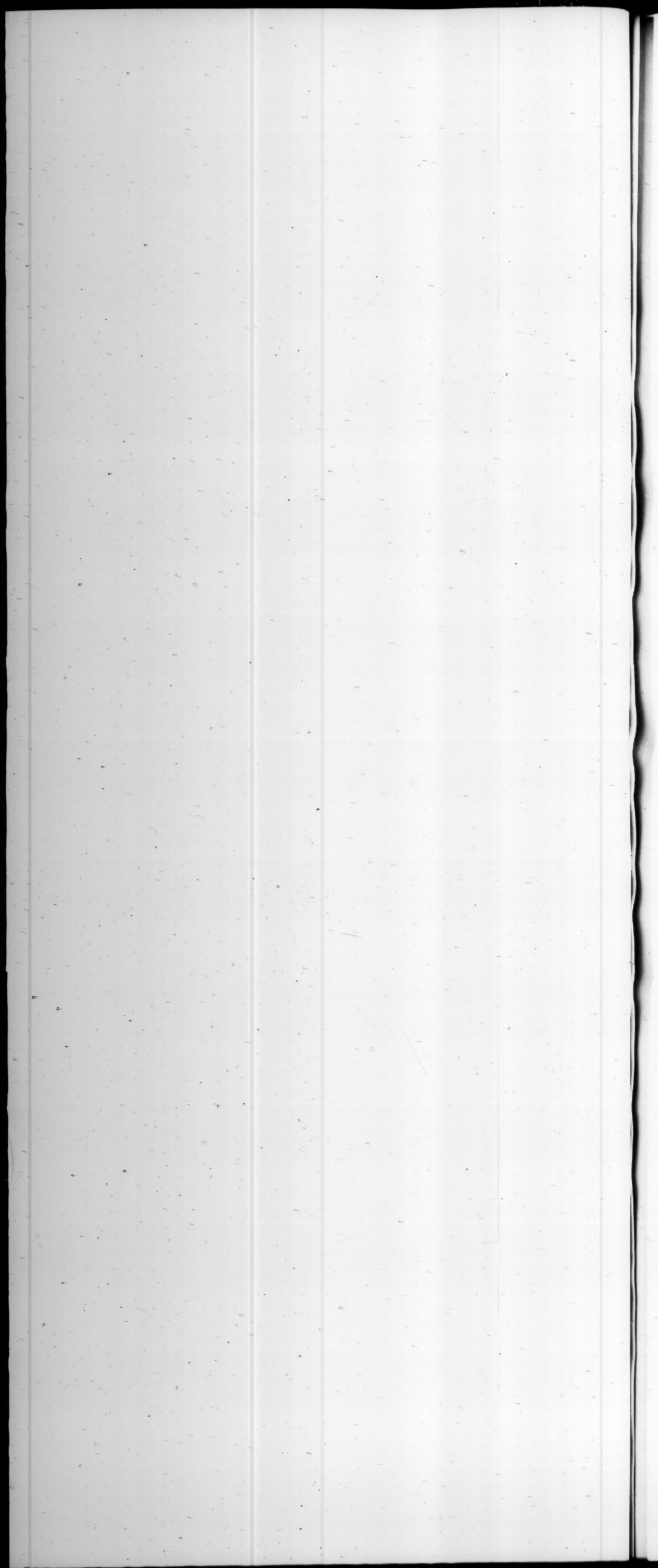
☛ A Proclamation declaring His Maiesties grace to his
Subiects, touching matters complained of, as pub-
lique greeuances.



He Kings most Excellent Maiestie, taking into His Princely consideration, the many and great affaires treated of in His high Court of Parliament, which neither were, nor could be brought to perfection in any short time, as well for the weight and multitude thereof, as in respect of other Parliamentary proceedings, acted by His Maiesties assent and gracious allowance, which have produced such memorabable & rare effects of exemplary Justice, as many ages past cannot shew: And that although His Maiestie prolonged the Session to an vnusuall length; Yet could not the great and weighty busineses thereof bee concluded within any moderate time, which might stand with other His Maiesties most important occasions:

And therefore, though His highnesse was most willing to haue allowed them a longer time to sit, then at first hee had resolved vpon, to the end hee might haue given His Royall assent to some profitable and necessary Lawes: yet it was found, and by the house of Commons thought more conuenient for the present, to continue the same Session in course of adiournement, which His Maiestie accordingly did, with purpose and full resolution (which he still continueth) to re-assemble the same, for the finall concluding of those and other causes, importing the publique: And his highnesse obseruing that diuers of them (though fit to receiue a full period, and determination in Parliament) are very meete and necessary, for the good of His people, to be settled and ordered in the meane time by His owne regall authority and direction: and some others are of that quality and condition, as His Maiestie needes no assistance of Parliament for reforming the same, and would haue reformed them before the Parliament, if the true state of His Subiects greeuances had bene then made knowne vnto him.

Therefore His Maiestie in this short time of cessation of Parliamentary proceedings, not allowing to himselfe any cessation or relaxation, from his continuall care and watch over the publique, vpon mature deliberation with His Prīue Councill, hath aduised and resolved of sundry particulars, tending to the present ease of His people, and to the furtherance and aduancement of the flourishing estate of this Kingdome: And is pleased hereby to publish the same to all His louing Subiects, for the comfort and encouragement of them, of whose sincere and good affection, as at many other times, so in this His Parliament aboue others, hee hath receiued abundant testimonie: And therefore His Maiestie taking knowledge by the complaint of His Commons, of the great damage and disquiet of His honest and good Subiects, proceeding from the troublesome and restless spirits, and dispositions of Informers, and such as haue vexed them by Informations, and Supplicauits, in His Maiesties Courtes at Westminster: And that no small delay, and hinderance of the iustice, and peace of the Countrey hath bene occasioned, by the too frequent vse, of writs of Cerciari, & of writs of Superfedas for the Peace, out of the same

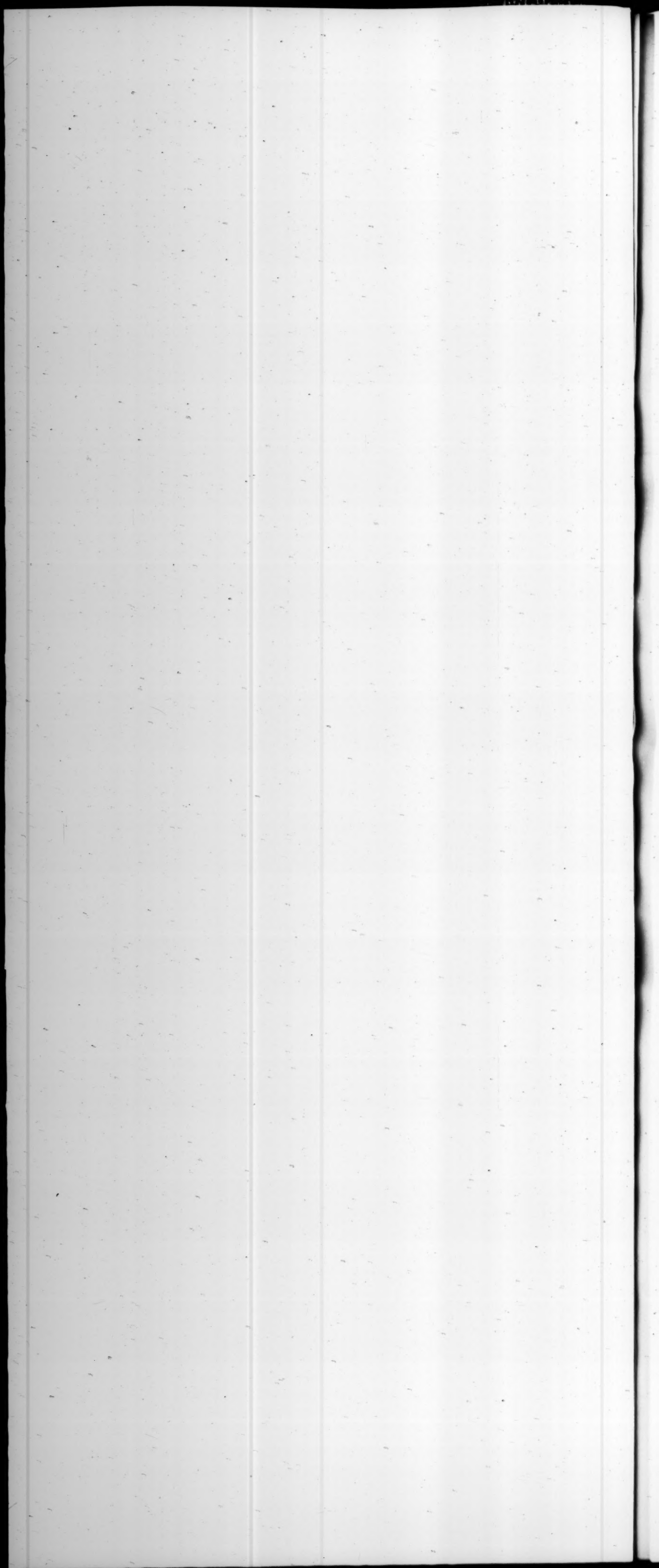


Courts, & that the common Justice of the Realme hath been much scandalized, and blemished by Orders vnduely obtained in Chambers, and out of Court: His Maiestie hath giuen to the Judges of those Courts such prouident and good Directions, accompanied with his strictest Charge and Commandement, for due obseruance of the same, as also, for abatement of exorbitant Fees in all their Courtes, as he doubteth not will produce an effectuall reformation of those errors, being resolved to require a seuerer accompt, where hee shall finde remissnesse or default.

And where the Masters of his high Court of Chancerie, haue of late taken diuers vndue Fees and allowances, vpon References to them made out of the same Court, by colour of a Primum Seale in that behalfe surreptitiously gotten; His Maiestie hath repealed, and reuoked the said Primum Seale: And doth hereby straightly charge and command, that the same be not at any time hereafter put in execution, nor any the said Fees or allowances hereafter challenged or demanded. And whereas his Maiestie hath received information of sundry grieuances lighting vpon many of his people, and chiefly the poozer sort, by reason of diuers Priuiledges Licences, and other Letters Patents procured from His Maiestie, vpon suggestions made to his highnesse, that the same should tend to the Common good and profite of his Subiects; Howbeit, vpon examination it doth appeare, that many of the said Grantes were not onely obtained vpon false and vnttrue surmises, but haue been also notoriously abused: His Maiestie hauing heretofore published in Print his dislike of such Suites, together with his hatred and detestation of all importunities to obtaine or procure the same, is willing to manifest, That these abuses and surreptions against his precise Charge and Direction, haue confirmed him in an vnter dislike of Suites of that nature, and is resolved, by making those Patents already obtained from him to be fruitlesse to the Procurers, to discourage all others hereafter to presse or importune him in the like. And therefore his Maiestie discerning, that these particuler Patents ensuing: Namely, of, and concerning the making of Gold and Silver folliat, The Licencing of Pedlers and petty Chapmen, The sole dressing of common Armes, The exportation of Lints, Shreds, and other like things The sole making of Tobacco pipes, The hotte Presse, The manufacture of playing Cardes and brogging of wooll, haue been found of euill consequence, and some of them haue been much abused, contrary to His Maiesties gracious intention: and the same being made appeare to the parties interessed in those Grantes, they haue voluntarily submitted; which his highnesse accepting, hath taken order for the present surrender of the same Patents, and doeth hereby absolutely forbid all further execution of them, or any of them, or of any thing in them, or any of them contained, or of any Proclamation heretofore published, for, or in any sort to the furthering or strengthening of them, or any of them.

And whereas at the importunity of some Suitors, & for their priuate benefit, sundry Commissions, and generall Warrants vnder the great Seale, or Primum Seale, haue beene procured, concerning the pardoning or dispensing with Tradel-men, for not seruing a Prentice-hood, for pardoning or dispensing with the conuersion of arable Land into Pasture, for Licencing of Wine-cake, for making of Denizens, for granting of Leetes, for passing of Parkes, and Free-warrens, for granting of Faires and Markets, for granting of Tolls, Stallages, and other like dueties, for Leasing of Tithes, for Passing or Leasing of Concealments, Intrusions, Incroachments, Lands out of Charge, and other Lands of like nature; the execution of which Commissions and Warrants hath not beene answerable to his Maiesties Gracious intention, nor to the suggestions and specious pretences, whereupon he was moued and induced to grant the same: Therefore, and because the same Commissions and Warrants, being executory, are by Law reuocable; His Maiestie doeth hereby fully and absolutely reuoke the same Commissions and Warrants, procured for the priuate benefit of any Suitor, and all Proclamations for the strengthening of them, or any of them: And doeth vtterly forbid all further and future Execution of them, or any of them, or of any thing in them, or any of them contained.

And whereas diuers other Priuiledges, Licences, and other like Patents, haue passed from his Maiesty; As namely, touching the Gilding and printing of Leather, Printing vpon Cloth, the making of paving Tiles, Dishes, Pots, Garden poasts, and vessels of earth; The making of Stone pots, Stone Jugs, and the like; the importing of Pikes, Carpes, Eeles, and Scallops, The making of Racket hoopes, Rackets, and cloth balles, The making and selling of Oyle, inuented for keeping Armour, The importation of Sturgeon, The making of Garments of Beauer, The making of hard ware, The making of Chanilets, The making of backe Screenes, The making of forrage and lineage for Paper, The measuring of Cozne, Coale, and Salt, The printing of Brieves, and other things vpon one side of paper, The weigh-



ing of Hay and Straw, The discoverie of annoyances in the Thames, and Ballasting ships: His Maestie doeth hereby publish and declare his gracious will and pleasure, That all and euery persons that at any time hereafter shall finde themselves grieved, iniured, or wronged by reason of any of the said Graunts, or any Clause, Article or thing therein contained, may take their remedie therfore by the Common Lawes of the Realme, or other ordinary course of Justice, any matter or thing in the sayd Graunts to the contrary notwithstanding.

And further, His Maestie for the furtherance and increase of the Trade and Manufactures of this Realme, and at the humble instance & petition of the Lords and Commons of his high Court of Parliament, hauing taken into his Princely care the Trade of the Outports of this Realme in new Draperies; hath, by and with the aduise of his Pruiue Counsell, and with the consent of the Merchant Aduenturers of the Citie of London resolved, and doeth hereby publish and declare, That the Inhabitants of the Outports may from henceforth participate with the Merchant Aduenturers freely and indifferently in the forraigne Trade of new Draperies, aswell in the Port Townes, as in any other place where the Merchant Aduenturers shall giue libertie to any of their owne Company to vent those commodities: And that in the sayd Port townes, and in all other places within the precincts of the Merchant Aduenturers, the Inhabitants of the Outports in the Trade of New Draperies, shall enioy the Pruiledges of the Merchant Aduenturers in as large and ample manner, as the Merchant Aduenturers do enioy and exercise the same, as also in all other Commodities whatsoever, wherein the sayd Outports haue freely & lawfully Traded in the time of the late Queene Elizabeth; and with this further fauour, That where the Merchant Aduenturers haue charged themselves with three pence vpon euery Perpetuana, and other payments vpon other new Draperies, the Outports shall be free and exempt from those burthens.

And where his Maestie, by his Proclamation, dated the xxvi. of September, in the twelfth yeere of his Reigne, for the better preserving of the Manufacture of Cloth within this Kingdom, and for the other considerations therein expressed, did prohibite the exportation of Sheepe-woolls, woolfells, and Fullers-earth; thereby charging and commanding all his louing Subjects of any his Kingdomes or Dominions of England, Wales, and Ireland, and of the Isles of Wight, Garnesey, and Jersey, aswell Merchants of the Staple, as others; and likewise all Merchant Strangers whatsoever, That from thenceforth there should bee no manner of woolls or woolfells by them, or any of them transported out of any the said Kingdomes, Isles, or Dominions, either into forreine parts, or out of any one of the said Kingdomes, Isles, or Dominions, into any other of the same, or into the Realme of Scotland, vpon paine of Confiscation of the same woolls, and woolfells, and all other paines and Penalties, which by the Lawes and Statutes of his Maesties Kingdomes, or by his Prerogative Royall, in respect of the contempt and breach of his Commandement, might be inflicted vpon them.

And his Maestie did likewise charge and command all Customers, Comptrollers, Collectors, Searchers, and all other Officers, at the Ports, and all and euery the Farmours of the Customes, and their Deputies, Ministers, and waiters, not to permit any woolls, or woolfells, to passe out of any the said Kingdomes or Dominions, or out of any the said Isles, neither vnder colour of cariage from Port to Port, nor otherwise openly nor priuily, vpon paine of losse of their places, and such other punishment, as should be iust and meet.

And his Maestie did further command and authorize all and euery Iustices of Peace, and all Maiors and principall Officers of Cities & Townes, that where they should be enformed of any great and extraordinary quantitie of woolls and woolfells, to bee gathered or bestowled in any Barnes, Storehouses, or other places of receipt neere the Sea coast, and out of the survey and view of the Officers of the Ports, That in euery such case they should arrest such woolls, and woolfells, and take order by Bond or otherwise, for their stay and safe keeping, vntill they had certified his Maesties Pruiue Counsell, and receiued order from them for the same.

And his Maestie did further charge and command all and euery his louing Subjects, and all Merchant Strangers, and others, that there should bee no Fullers-earth exported out of any the said Kingdomes or Dominions, vpon paine of Confiscation of the same, and any such other punishment, as by the Law, or by his Prerogative Royall, should be meete to be inflicted vpon the offenders therein: His Maestie vpon the humble Suit & Petition of his said Lords and Commons, is pleased to quicken the said former Proclamation; And therefore doth by these Presents, straightly charge and command all and singuler persons, Whom it shall or may concerne, that the said Proclamation, aswell in the branches and Clauses before recited, as in all and euery other Branch, Article, and Clause therein, be from henceforth put in full and

exact execution, it being his Maiesties full resolution to vse all feueritie of Justice against such as shall be found delinquents therein.

And for a further aduancement of Trade, his Maiestie is well pleased, and doeth hereby publish and declare, That whereas by reason of some Orders of restraint, heretofore obtained by the Drapers of the Towne of Shrewsbury, the Trade of buying and selling of welsh Clothes, Cottons, Freeles, Lynings, and Plaines, hath bene restrained to some particular Markets, and places: the same welsh Clothes, Cottons, Freeles, Linings, and Plaines, shall and may from hencefoorth bee freely bought and sold in all places, and to all persons, where and to whom the same by the Lawes of the Realme, may bee sold, any Orders or restraints to the contrary notwithstanding.

And further, that according to the Suit and desire of the Inhabitants of the Dominion of Wales, expressed by a Bill in Parliament, which hath passed the House of Commons, all and euery Subject of this Realme of England, and the Dominion of Wales, when the common and ordinary prices of Butter within the said Dominion of Wales, and Countie of Donmouth, shall not exceed the rates or prices of thre pence the pound, from the last day of April, yeerely vnto the first day of November, and foure pence the pound, from the last day of October yeerely, vnto the first day of April, vntill some Acte of Parliament shall passe, concerning the same, shall and may without incurring any penaltie, or forfeiture therefore to his Maiestie (it being his good pleasure to remit the same) buy or cause to be bought any quantity of Butter, made or to bee made in the said Dominion of Wales, or Countie of Donmouth, and to transport any quantitie of such Butter in any English or welsh Bottonnes, into the parts beyond the Seas, paying therefore to his Maiestie all Customes, Subsidies, and other Dueties due and payable for the same.

And wheras the said Lords and Commons, became instant Suitors to his Maiesty, for the restraint of exportation of Iron Ordinance, although his Maiesty had before the sitting downe of the Parliament settled a strict & safe course for that effect; yet inclining to their motion, as to a matter of high consequence, for the honour and safetie of this Realme, hath giuen strict charge therein to his Pruiy Councell, who after long and deliberate aduise thereupon, by his Highnes Command, and after diligent examination, and perusall of all former Orders in that behalfe established, haue added thereto such further Cautions, & prescribed such exact courses for the due execution of the same, as in the iudgement of all men will sufficiently secure his Maiesty, and all his louing Subjects of that perill and feare, which might be in any wise concerned in that behalfe. And his Maiestie doeth by these presents signifie and declare his Gracious and Princely pleasure, that albeit he hath in good measure, as the shortnesse of the time would permit, deuised and resolved vpon the seuerall remedies aboue rehearsed, for the ease of his Subjects: Yet it is not his Maiesties purpose, that his grace & goodnesse to his people in matters of like nature, should beare no further fruit, but as time and opportunity will permit, he will enlarge and extend the same vnto such other particulers, wherein he shall haue cause to conceiue his Subjects may be iustly griued; and that vntill the sitting againe of Parliament, both his owne, and the cares of his pruiue Councell shall be open to the modest and iust complaints of his people; aswell concerning Monopolies and other Patents of euill nature and consequence, as concerning other Grieuances against the publique: Admonishing neuerthelesse, that vnder colour thereof, no man presume to trouble his Maiestie or his Councell with causelesse clamors, proceeding of humour or priuate respects.

Giuen at Our Court at Whitehall, the tenth day of Iuly, in the nineteenth yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God saue the King.

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